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TAGS: PFOR PBOR MO SS SP PORG

SUBJECT: ICJ ACCEPTS SAHARA CASE; CALLS FOR WRITTEN BRIEFS

1. MOROCCAN PRESS REPORTED JANUARY 10 THAT ON JANUARY 9 ICJ HAD GIVEN FORMAL CONSENT TO STUDY SPANISH SAHARA QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNGA'S DECEMBER 21 REQUEST. COURT SET MARCH 27 AS DEADLINE FOR "STATES HAVING INFORMATION TO SUPPLY" TO FILE WRITTEN BRIEFS.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE SPANISH HAVE NOT FORMALLY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS, WE WOULD GUESS THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SEEN HERE AS INCREASING PRESSURE ON SPAIN TO FISH OR CUT BAIT.

3. WE WOULD EXPECT MOROCCANS TO HAVE VOLUMINOUS BRIEF BASED
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LAST FEW MONTHS' HEAVY OUTPOURING OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND

BOOKS DEFENDING MOROCCO'S CLAIM TO REGION. PROBLEM WILL BE
ONE OF ORGANIZATION OF THIS MATERIAL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING
INFORMATION FROM DEPT AND/OR EMBASSY THE HAGUE ON PROCEDURE
ICJ WILL FOLLOW IN DELIVERING ADVISORY OPINION. COURT'S
PROMPTNESS IN ACCEPTING CASE, AND RELATIVELY TIGHT DEADLINE
SET FOR FILING WRITTEN BRIEFS, SEEMS TO US TO RUN COUNTER TO
COMMENT SO FREQUENTLY HEARD HERE THAT PROCESS WILL BE VERY
TIME CONSUMING.
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